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1. The Directorate of the State Forests and Woodworking Industries for Slovakia, which administers approximately twenty-six woodworking plants and saw-mills, plans to erect three more new installations. These will be located at Liptovsky Hradok (D28), 30 kilometers east of Ruzomberok (C99) and about 210 kilometers approximately northeast of Bratislava; at Zvolen (C74), 20 kilometers south of Banska Bystrica (C76) and about 160 kilometers east-north-east of Bratislava; and at Zarnovica (UO4) on the Hron river, 36 kilometers southwest of Banska Bystrica and about 125 kilometers east-north-east of Bratislava.
2. The works at Liptovsky Hradok, where there is already a saw-mill, will produce wood-powder (Saegerehl) for use with explosives.
3. The plants at Zvolen will manufacture plywoods and veneers.
4. The installations at Zarnovica will be the most important of the three places, and are described as among the largest of their kind in Europe. They will include a saw-mill, plywood and veneer works, a parquet factory, a sawdust mill, and a chemical plant for processing the derivatives and by-products of timber. They will also produce impregnated rail ties, and the Directorate is already negotiating for a license to manufacture a solvent for 50X1-HUM artificial resin, of which they expect about thirty tons to be used each day at the Zarnovica plants.

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